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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY MADRAS  
FROM CALCUTTA DTD SEP 7 RPTD TO YOU.

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, IN, SCUL

SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS HAVE  
BEEN RECENTLY ARRESTED IN RANCHI, BIHAR, FOR ORGANIZING  
AND PREACHING TO CATHOLICS AGAINST STERILIZATION, AND IN  
PARTICULAR COMPULSORY STERILIZATION, AS A MEANS OF BIRTH  
CONTROL. ONE OF THE PRIESTS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED WAS FR. DELH  
ROY, A BELGIAN JESUIT, OUR SOURCE DOES NOT KNOW IF HE IS  
STILL UNDER ARREST.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT CARDINAL PICACHY, AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
INDIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE, HAD INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO  
EVERY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE COUNTRY TO HAVE ALL CATHOLICS  
PRAY AT SERVICE ON SUNDAY AUGUST 8 FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA,  
FOR THE CATHOLICS OF MAHARASHTRA, AND FOR THE INDIVIDUAL  
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AND THE FAMILY. WHILE NO MENTION WAS MADE OF COMPULSORY

STERILIZATION PROGRAM IN MAHARASHTRA, THERE IS NO RPT NO  
DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THE CATHOLIC CLERGY OR LAITY THAT  
PICACHY IS ALERTING THE FAITHFUL TO FACE A TEST OF CONSCI-  
ENCE. KORN. UNQUOTE  
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